

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

June 18, 2010

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners Copps, McDowell, Clyburn, and Baker:

We write to express our support for the timely conclusion of your review of the proposed Comcast/General Electric ("GE") joint venture regarding NBC Universal ("NBCU"). We understand that this proposed venture should and will receive a careful analysis at your Commission, but we believe a timely review of this joint venture is critical to the economic futures of these three vital American companies. We also applaud the public commitments these companies have made to meet the needs of viewers and to ensure that our constituents will receive important benefits from this joint venture. We support incorporating these commitments into your agency's final order on the transaction.

As representatives of districts with diverse and particular interests, we have noted Comcast's and NBCU's commitment to locally produced programming. In many cases, specifically in smaller communities, extra efforts must be made to highlight items of interest to those communities. Comcast and NBCU have pledged to preserve and enrich the output of local news and local public affairs programming, at a time when such programming is suffering due to declining advertising and budget cuts. Significantly, the companies have also committed to continue free over-the-air television which is the main source of local news, weather, public affairs and sports programming for many of our constituents.

Furthermore, we all share in the responsibility of assuring the strong education of children in our communities. In that vein, we were especially pleased with the public commitments to enhance programming for children and empower parents. Comcast and NBCU have pledged to make hundreds of additional hours of family-friendly programming available across multiple platforms. NBCU will adopt the cable industry's "best practices" for the provision of visual program ratings across all of its programming, making the ratings notices longer, more frequent and more visible. Comcast and NBCU will also work with nationally recognized leaders on family-friendly viewing to carry more extensive programming information and parental tools as they are developed. At the same time, we are concerned about the possibility that any unnecessary delay could prolong and restrain important economic benefits from the approval of this transaction.

In sum, we believe timely conclusion of your review is important to the economic futures of these companies and the communities. We have every confidence that the FCC will conduct a serious and thoughtful review of this important transaction and structure a final order that will make binding these important commitments.

Sincerely,

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